

The impatient man is the sport of his friends and scoff of his enemies; he can be played upon easier than a pipe. But when you come to deal with a thoroughly patient man, be careful what you do; he will fool you to the top of your bent and trip you when you least expect it. In proportion as you get patience, you get power. The Germans say that it is the cold hammer which fashions the hot iron: and what passes into a proverb with those people, you may be sure is worth remembering.

The problem of life is like a sum in proportion. If you state the problem correctly you find the true solution, if incorrectly, you arrive at a wrong result. When stating the problem of life, the unspiritual man always puts the wrong term in the first place, and consequently fails to find the true solution of the problem. Religion ought to come first—in a word, we ought to state the problem as the Great Teacher has instructed us to state it: "Seek first the Kingdom of God," etc.

The recently consecrated coadjutor, Bishop of New Westminster, British Columbia, Right Rev. A. Dontenville, was given a unique reception. For years he has labored most successfully among the Indians, and his name is dear to the red man. Hundreds of Indians had assembled at his consecration and took occasion to express their esteem and love for their "black gown." They sang religious hymns in their native tongue, and the Indian brass bands of the mission schools rendered the music. Addresses of congratulation were afterwards presented to Bishop Dontenville. The mayor of New Westminster, on behalf of the citizens, extended the freedom of the city to all the visiting prelates. Bishop Dontenville was born June 4, 1857, at Bischweiler, diocese of Strasbourg, Alsace.

In this age, when the world is in such danger of becoming omniscient before the time, it is good to have here and there a mystery in reserve.

The schools recently opened at Lehigh and Coalgate, are in a most flourishing condition. The number of pupils is 102 and 130 respectively. Deo Gratias.

On September 29, Messrs. Joseph P. Doyle, of Walnut, Kas., and John J. Labat, a native of France, joined the Benedictine Brotherhood in our monastery, and will be known henceforth as Fratres Benedict and Michael.

Mozart was on a visit to a monastery. During Mass he listened impatiently to the feeble execution of the organ player, and could hardly bear to sit out the service. After Mass, the prior asked Mozart to dinner, and took the opportunity to inquire how he liked the playing of the organist. "He plays quite in Biblical fashion," said Mozart. "How is that?" asked the prior. "His left hand does not know what the right hand is doing," was the reply.

The *Philadelphia Times* says: "Under the present military laws in France priests have to do military service like ordinary laymen. It looks however as though the clergy was taking their revenge by recruiting their members from the army. A well known officer, Lieutenant Colonel Crepeaux, has just left the army to take orders, and on last Sunday an old Papal Zouave, one of the few surviving heroes of Patay, Colonel Melizan, was ordained priest by his own brother, who is Archbishop of Colomba. The ceremony took place at Avignon, and a very remarkable and unusual incident was that all the performers were brothers. The Bishop and the two priests who assisted him were brothers of the newly ordained clergyman."